



## SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

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### NOTES ON "POSITION ON SUSPENSIONS"

1. It would not be reasonable to lift the suspension of "juveniles" who have been found guilty while other students involved in the same affair are still facing trial, may be found innocent, and are not permitted to return to the University.
2. The University should not differentiate in its treatment of students on the basis of whether they are younger or older than 18.
3. It is not possible to pick and choose among the students who are facing trial. Any attempt to establish categories of presumed innocence or mitigating circumstances would lead to charges of discrimination or of exerting improper influence on the accused.
4. Judge Long runs a social welfare court, and his appeal to the University to lift the suspension of the juveniles is no more than an appeal.
5. If any of the students are found innocent, and there is time enough to make the action meaningful, arrangements can be made for them to take

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supplemental examinations at the end of August or in September. If such arrangements are made, the University can always decide in the interest of equitable treatment to lift the suspension of the juveniles and so allow them to sit for their examinations at the same time.

6. The decision of five juveniles to appeal their sentence does not alter the University's position in this question in any way.

7. There can be no question of permitting individual professors to teach any of the accused students, juvenile or otherwise, on University property so long as the suspensions remain in effect. However, what Faculty do off campus is their own affair. Similarly, the students are not allowed to draw books from the libraries.

8. Any decision to lift the suspensions - except in the case of proven innocence - must be approved by the Board of Governors.